

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Date: May 1st, 2026

To: Nicole Garibaldi, PQI Consultant, Early Education Division, CDE

From: Jennifer Pare, RCSD CSPA Program Director

Re: Use of CSPP Contract Funds for Mental Health Consultation Services

Dear Ms. Garibaldi,

Redwood City Elementary School District State Preschool requests approval to enter into a subcontract agreement and use CSPP contract funds, for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services to support teacher capacity for meeting the needs of all students, and promoting child, teacher and family well being.

Pursuant to Management Bulletin 19-02 and CSPP Contract Terms and Conditions (CT&Cs), Section XII Operational Requirements, *Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMHC) Services (Education Code 8243 and EC 8244)*, services will be provided on a schedule of sufficient and consistent frequency throughout the 2026-2027 school year to contribute to all of the following:

- i. Improving interpersonal relationships and child outcomes.
- ii. Increasing the confidence, competence, and well-being of those consulted
- iii. Eliminating suspensions and expulsions.

We consulted 3 potential providers, who meet basic requirements for local, bilingual services, and recommend selecting **Todos Juntos** for our ECMHC needs in 2026-27 (please see attached proposal).

Todos Juntos was highly recommended by another CDE contractor, who has used their services for years. Pursuant to EC 44226, Todos Juntos provides qualified, licensed Mental Health Professionals, who specialize in working with children 0-5 and have extensive training in the ECMHC framework through the University of California San Francisco. They also have experience with some RCSD CDC staff, having worked with a prior mental health services provider to the Redwood City School District.

Their bid is reasonably priced, for the array of services and support they will provide over the program year, including, individual and group consultation that provides, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Support for providers, parents, legal guardians/caregivers to create trauma-informed, proactive inclusive environments and to respond effectively to all children.

- b. Assistance through individual site consultations, provision of resources, formulation of training plans, referrals, and other methods that address the unique needs of programs and providers.
- c. Aid to providers, parents, legal guardians, and caregivers, and encouragement and facilitation of collaboration and communication, in developing the skills and tools needed to be successful as they support the development and early learning of all children, including observing environments, facilitating the development of action plans, and supporting site implementation of those plans.
- d. The development of strategies for addressing prevalent child mental health concerns, including internalizing problems, such as appearing withdrawn, and externalizing problems, such as exhibiting persistent and serious behaviors.
- e. If a child exhibits persistent and serious behaviors, support with the pursuit and documentation of reasonable steps to maintain the child's safe participation in the program, as described in *EC 8489.1*.
- f. Face-to-face interactions or video-based platforms and other modes of communication that are compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Public Law 104-191), such as the telephone.

Todos Juntos will provide a relationship based model, emphasizing strengthening relationships among early childhood education providers, parents, children, and representatives of community systems and resources, integrating reflective practice into the onsite consultation model.

Contracting with a qualified and licensed Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant helps ensure compliance with CSPP quality and operational requirements.

No equipment will be purchased with state funds under this agreement, and no travel or per diem will be reimbursed.

The consulting agreement includes all required subcontract provisions applicable to agreements over \$10,000, including record retention and audit access, audit exception responsibility, indemnification, termination for convenience, independent contractor status, and nondiscrimination requirements.

Procurement will be conducted in accordance with Public Contract Code requirements applicable to LEAs, including required bidding or quotation thresholds for professional services. No services will be paid in advance, and costs will be charged only in the fiscal year in which services are rendered.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Pare, RCSD CSPA Program Director

